

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room 109, 260 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Richard, Preiss, Burlingame, Newbrook, and O'Connell. Also present were Thomas B. Coffey, Jr., Executive Director and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following appeals were considered.

File #060679: Tyco Fire & Building Products for the property located at 1467 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston. ADSFM Timothy Hawthorne appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Burlingame and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant the Applicant's requested relief regarding the turn around requirement from section 18.2.2.5.4 (dead ends). This motion will be forwarded to the Board on August 01, 2006 for a full Committee vote.

File #060723: Mr. Robert Sorrell for the property located at 784 Park Avenue, Cranston. ADSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for Cranston Fire Marshal's Office. No motion was taken at this time; the Board advised the Marshal's Office and the Applicant to develop a plan of action and return to the Board.

File #050144: Ms. Evelyn Sherry for the property located at 500 Roosevelt Avenue, Central Falls. Chairman Coutu recused himself from consideration of this case. ADSFM Gerald Dion appeared for the

Central Falls Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Preiss and seconded by Commissioner Newbrook to grant the Applicant a time extension of a 120 days to complete the sale of this building and to advise the new owner of the code violations within this building. The Board advised the Marshal and Applicant if the sale is not completed within 120 days this building must be vacated.

File #040392: Ms. Deborah Creighton for the property located at 98 North Main Street, Slatersville (North Smithfield). DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell and seconded by Commissioner Newbrook to grant the Applicant a variance to treat the wainscoting located in the pantry area with a class A finish, to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal. The motion was unanimous.

File #050141: Mr. Herbert F. Hall III for the property located at 870 East Main Road, Portsmouth. ADSFM Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Burlingame and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant the Applicant a variance for flame resistance of the furnishings. The Applicant must also develop a plan of action with Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office when holding large events. The Board granted the Applicant 120 days to correct all other deficiencies and to install the fire alarm system. The Board granted the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office the authority give the Applicant a

time extension if needed for good faith shown. The motion was unanimous.

File #050118: Mr. Edward A. Conforti for the property located at 500 Anthony Road, Portsmouth. ADSFM Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant the Applicant a variance for the means of egress from the 2nd floor office, existing separation between the apartment and the rest of the building and for short travel distance. The motion was unanimous.

File #0606836, 060684 and 060685: Mr. William Connerton for the properties located at 934 East Main Road, Portsmouth (Buildings A, C and D). ADSFM Jeffrey Lynch appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Priess and seconded by Commissioner Burlingame to grant a variance for Building (A) to allow the bulkhead to remain as a means of egress from the basement and to allow the Applicant to lock the bulkhead from the outside. The Applicant was advised all other storage must be removed and this area will only be used as a boiler room. The motion was unanimous.

File #060684: A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant a variance for Building C headroom on the second floor due to structural hardship. The motion was unanimous.

File #060685: A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell and seconded by Commissioner Newbrook to grant a variance for building (D) headroom on the second floor and the width of stairways. The Board granted a time extension of a 120 days to comply with all other fire code deficiencies. The motion was unanimous.

File #050071: United Congregational Church for the property located at 2 Commons (rear building), Little Compton. ADSFM Donald Medeiros appeared for the Little Compton Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Burlingame to grant the Applicant a time variance until November of 2007 to install the fire alarm. The Applicant was advised that before occupying this facility the fire alarm must be installed and operational to the satisfaction of the Little Compton Fire Marshal's Office.

File #060658: Jeremiah R. Leary, Esq. for the property located at End of Grange Avenue, Little Compton. ADSFM Harry Hallgring appeared for Little Compton Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to reaffirm the Little Compton Fire Marshal's enforcement of the Fire Department Access Road code section, which gives the AHJ the authority to require additional fire protection if deemed necessary. The motion passed with Commissioner Richard abstaining from the vote.

Old Business:

Request by State Fire Marshal George Farrell that the Board reconsider the issue of authorization of a temporary certificate of occupancy by the State Fire Marshal and/or by his designee. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant the State Fire Marshal the authority to grant temporary certificates of occupancy on a case by case basis with the option of a hearing in front of the Board if deemed necessary. The motion unanimous.

By letter, the Tiverton School Department and requested an extension of time from decisions previously authorized in file #040195, 040225 and 040226. The Tiverton Fire Chief would support the continuance of the approved variances for period of one year if the Board did not have any objections. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant the Tiverton School department a one (1) year extension for the completion of the new school. The motion unanimous.

Honeywell requested an interpretation of subsection E 04-04-(1), exception for existing fire alarm system and reuse of existing wiring. Honeywell would like to use existing wiring move and replace analog type devices and the fire alarm control panel to convert the system to intelligent design. The Board has turned this request over to Fire

Alarm Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will report back to the Board with their recommendations.

Concerning a request for Blanket Variance to exempt key boxes from Law Offices. The Board has put this matter on hold at this time.

William Howe, Chief of Inspections appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office, appeared to request a subcommittee meeting to consider variances requested by MHRH. The Board scheduled a Subcommittee meeting with representatives of MHRH on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Campanini